

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action that was mailed on October 5, 2005. Claim 1 is amended to recite specific linkage groups, in accordance with disclosure in the second full paragraph on page 9 of the specification, especially lines 20-24. Claim 8 is amended to correct clerical errors. No new matter is introduced by this Amendment. Claims 1-8 are pending in the application.

Claim 8 was rejected under the second paragraph of 35 USC § 112 as failing to define the invention properly. This ground of rejection has been obviated by the amendment of claim 8.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by JP 07-333797 (Nobuo). The rejection is respectfully traversed. Compounds A-23, A-27, A-30, A-50, and A-59 disclosed in Nobuo have an alkylene group as a linkage group corresponding to W in formula (1) for the present invention. Claim 1 herein as amended cannot have an alkylene group as an embodiment of the linkage W. Accordingly, claim 1 in its present form is not anticipated by Nobuo.

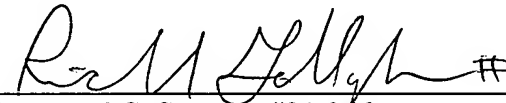
Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by EP 0 167 762 (Nakamura). The rejection is respectfully traversed. Compound 30 disclosed in Nakamura has a single bond as a linkage corresponding to W in formula (1) for the present invention. Claim 1 herein as amended cannot have a single bond as an embodiment of the linkage variable W. Accordingly, claim 1 in its present form is not anticipated by Nakamura.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections of record and to pass claims 1-8 herein to Issue.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Richard Gallagher (Reg. No. 28,781) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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